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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES IN FULL WITHOUT ADDITIONAL  
CHARGES OR FEES.

1 WHEREAS, over one hundred sixty thousand households  
2 currently receive refuse collection services throughout Oahu at  
3 no additional charges or fees; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in 2014, the City and County of Honolulu decided  
6 that, due to the cost of maintaining front-loading refuse  
7 collection trucks, it would end refuse collection services at  
8 one hundred eighty-one locations, including more than one  
9 hundred condominium association locations and seventy private  
10 schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the collection of refuse is a matter of public  
13 health and welfare; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the decision to end refuse collection service  
16 leaves thousands of resident taxpayers without a basic  
17 governmental service; and  
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19 WHEREAS, many of the affected resident taxpayers are either  
20 senior citizens on fixed incomes who do not live in single-  
21 family homes due to physical issues and high maintenance costs  
22 or young families with marginal incomes unable to qualify for  
23 single-family homes; and  
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25 WHEREAS, United Public Workers filed a lawsuit in the  
26 Circuit Court of the First Circuit against the City and County  
27 of Honolulu regarding this matter; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Circuit Court issued a restraining order  
30 temporarily prohibiting the City and County of Honolulu from



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1 discontinuing its refuse collection services to the locations in  
2 question; and

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4 WHEREAS, the resident taxpayers should not endure  
5 litigation regarding this matter of public health and welfare;  
6 now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the City and County  
11 of Honolulu is urged to continue to provide refuse collection  
12 services in full to the locations in question, without any  
13 additional charges or fees; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
17 and County of Honolulu and the Director of Environmental  
18 Services, City and County of Honolulu.

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21 OFFERED BY:



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